

NC Zoo Wildlife Rehabilitation Internship Application

Wildlife rehabilitation is the care of sick, injured, or orphaned native wildlife for return back into the wild, in a condition that will optimize their chances of survival. Interns assist with the routine daily care of wildlife patients, as well as caring for the wildlife center's resident animal collection. Intern duties include preparation of diets, cleaning cages, admitting patients, feeding animals, answering phones & record keeping. Interns also have the opportunity to assist with medical tasks, as ordered by the Veterinary staff, such as administering treatments, helping with radiographs & assisting with surgeries. In addition, interns participate in research, special projects, tours, training, cage building/maintenance & animal rescues. The Paid Intern provides supervision & guidance to volunteers/unpaid interns & acts as liaison to Veterinary Staff.

Prospective interns must be in an undergraduate, associates program, or recently graduated (within one year) from a relevant field of study, be able to lift a minimum of 50lbs., bend, stoop, stand for periods of at least 30 minute intervals, walk on variable substrate, work in all climatic conditions, be able to read & follow instructions, communicate clearly, perform simple calculations & have dependable transportation. Interns must be rabies vaccinated to care for adult self/feeding & education mammals. Unvaccinated interns may assist with the hand-rearing of orphaned mammals, care for birds & reptiles, & perform all other responsibilities. This position may not be suitable for individuals who are immune suppressed and/or pregnant. Persons who are hearing, sight, or speech impaired should bring this to the attention of the Supervisor so reasonable accommodations can be made.

This internship is part of the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Councils' Practicum Accreditation Program; interns will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the program.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____

Academic Institution: _____ Sophomore Junior Senior Graduated, year _____

Major Field of Study: _____ GPA: _____ School Credit: Yes No

Internship applying for (check all that apply):

Unpaid Internships:

Unpaid Internships are a minimum of 10 weeks, 175 hours, & 3 shifts per week - holidays, nights, days
Housing available for a fee; must have own transportation.

- Spring (Mar – Mid May) Application Deadline: Jan 5th
- Summer (Mid May-August), Application Deadline: March 5th
- Fall (August – Mid October), Application Deadline: June 5th

Paid Internship:

Paid Internship is for one complete year, minimum 40 hours per week - holidays, nights, days
Housing is provided; must have own transportation.

- One Year (mid-May through following May), Application Deadline: March 5th

Application Packet:

All the following items MUST be mailed together in ONE application packet. Incomplete packets will not be considered.

- Internship Application (this form)
- Letter of intent detailing what you hope to gain from the internship (cover letter)
- Current resume (not to exceed one page)
- College transcript (copies accepted)
- Two personal references including name, relationship, phone number & email (not letters)
- Two letters of recommendation – at least 1 faculty (letters sent separately will not be accepted)
- Proof of current tetanus immunization (*within the last 10 years*)
- Proof of pre-exposure rabies immunization or current rabies antibody titer (*within two years & >1:5*)
Rabies vaccinations are not required for unpaid interns and therefore no proof is needed unless already vaccinated
Rabies vaccine will be provided at no cost for the accepted paid intern if not already vaccinated

Yes No Have you been convicted of an offense, other than a minor traffic violation, within the past five years?

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